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TOBACCO & POLITICS DON'T MIX WELL IN CALIF.

Editor's note: For those insiders who haven't been paying attention, Calif. is **NOT** one of the 22 States that filed multi-million dollar lawsuits against the tobacco industry in an effort to recoup health care costs associated with cigarette smoking. With the Liggett Group agreeing to settle the lawsuits, there's been lots of speculation about the political fallout in Calif. Here is our update & analysis...

...Politically, the fallout from Calif.'s unwillingness to join the other 22 States is likely to hit hardest on Atty. Gen. Dan Lungren, the GOPer who would like to succeed Pete Wilson as governor in 1998. Lungren has refused several requests to join the lawsuit, saying he couldn't do it because of a 1987 product liability law on Calif.'s books (the so-called napkin deal law drawn up at Frank Fat's Restaurant in Sacto)...

...Even though Assembly Speaker Cruz Bustamante(D) and other lawmakers don't believe the law needs to be changed, the Speaker says he'll push to close the legislative loophole so there won't be any excuse for Lungren not to sue. FYI: The cities of L.A., S.F. and San Jose, as well as the counties of L.A., Sacto and Santa Barbara are among those local governments in Calif. who have filed suits against the tobacco firms. And Lt. Gov. Gray Davis(D) added Calif. to a citizens lawsuit this past January. Smart political move in light of recent developments...

...But is the law the real reason why Lungren hasn't joined the other 22 States? There's some evidence to suggest that Lungren's reluctance may have more to do with politics & legal philosophy than with Calif.'s product liability law. In a Sept. 23, 1996 interview with the L.A. Daily Journal, Chief Dep. AG Dave Stirling said: *the issue of suing tobacco companies cuts deeper than the obvious legal hurdles the State*

faces. It reaches into the philosophy of the office. The office means the CA DOJ. It's a very damaging statement...

...Not only is Lungren running in '98, but so is Stirling, who hopes to replace Lungren as AG. So this lack of *get up and go* against the tobacco industry might impact on both of them. In other words, as one Demo operative told **Calpeek**, the return of Buttman is a very real possibility in 1998. Buttman was the person who was dressed up like a cigarette and followed Bob Dole around for days during Campaign '96...

...FYI: Lungren has taken tobacco contributions. In the 1995-96 period, he took about \$20,000. And it should be noted that one of Lungren's campaign advisors, The Dolphin Group, ran Prop. 188 in 1994. That was the initiative floated by the tobacco industry to allow local governments to enact their own smoking laws. It was defeated by a 71% to 29% margin. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '98: THE LINEUP FOR LT. GOVERNOR

Editor's note: Although some say it's not a very appealing job, Calif.'s Lt. Governor is in line to succeed the governor should anything happen or if the governor is out of the State. Several times last year when Gov. Pete Wilson was off campaigning for president, Lt. Gov. Gray Davis(D) was the acting governor. With Davis now running for governor next year, his LG's job is open. Here's a brief update...

...As of Dec. 31, 1996, only two(2) Republicans had decided to explore for the LG's job: State Senators Tim Leslie of Roseville and Richard Mountjoy of Arcadia. Mountjoy is best known as co-chair of Prop. 187 - the anti-illegal immigrant initiative approved by voters in '94. Leslie isn't all that well known, but was the author of Prop. 197 in March of '96 (the unsuccessful

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ful Mt. Lion initiative). Leslie is a mainstream conservative, while Mountjoy is a hardliner. Now sources report that GOP Assemblyman Brooks Firestone of Santa Barbara is eyeing this race. Firestone is a two-term moderate with *deep pockets*. He was looking at a run for State Supt. of Public Instruction, but has backed off because incumbent Delaine Eastin(D) isn't going to be beaten. He's talking to various consultants and advisors about his LG prospects...

...On the Demo side, former CDP Chair Phil Angelides had been looking here, but always favored another run for Treasurer if incumbent Matt Fong(R) were to move on. And that's the case, as Fong has now got an FEC committee to raise money for a U.S. Senate run in '98. Who's left? Our sources report that new Assemblywoman Carole Migden of S.F. is interested. She's a very good fundraiser and is chair of the Assembly Appropriations Cmt. She's also a former S.F. Co. Supervisor. Another Demo whose name has popped up is that of San Jose Mayor Susan Hammer, who is *termed out* in '98. She's got high approval numbers, knows how to tap into the Silicon Valley \$\$ and was a strong opponent of Prop. 211 in '96...

...Of course it's always a possibility that a better known Demo might want to run here, so don't automatically discount the name of Controller Kathleen Connell. Our sources say she wants to *move up* the political ladder, but with so many high powered Demos looking at governor's race, she might look here. With \$1 million cash on hand and fair name ID, she'd be in an excellent position to mount a successful campaign for LG. Stay tuned...

U.S. SEN. THOMPSON AT COMMONWEALTH CLUB.

U.S. Sen. Fred Thompson(R-TN) will address members of The Commonwealth Club of CA, 11:45 a.m., April 4, Hilton Hotel, S.F. For info ☎(415)597-6705...

CALIF. DEMO PARTY HOLDS ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The Calif. Democratic Party(CDP) will hold its annual convention April 4-6 at the Sacramento Convention Center. Some of the featured speakers include VT Gov. Howard Dean, chair of the Demo governors; and U.S. Sen. Paul Wellstone of MN. The key business at this convention will be the election of officers for the next 4 years. For info ☎(916)442-5707...

PART 10: OPPOSITION TO S.F. STADIUM/MALL PLAN.

Editor's note: This week in Part X of our continuing series on *public funding of sports facilities*, we'll focus on the formation of an opposition committee to S.F. Mayor Willie Brown's revenue bond proposal (Props. D & F on the June 3 ballot) to partially fund a new football stadium for the 49ers. Here's our update...

...The NO on D & F committee goes by the name of *Stop the \$100 Million Give Away Cmt.* Political organizer Jim Ross, a former aide to ex Mayor Frank Jordan, is in charge. He's got a good reputation and in the last election cycle worked the NO on E campaign for Solem & Associates. And the committee has some money because Clint Reilly, former political consultant, as promised, has dumped in \$50,000. Sources suggest this might just be a down payment, but it's enough to get things moving...

...Is there a chance Ross (and Reilly) might be able to bring in some other contributors? YES, according to our sources. State Sen. Quentin Kopp(I-SF) might be persuaded to help out and then there's the Bay area retail establishment --- they're **not** all that thrilled about the mall portion of this deal. And finally, there's the *ax-to-grind* \$\$ that might come in. FYI: in addition to Reilly & Kopp, the NO side has now picked up the endorsements of the Sierra Club & the League of Conservation Voters...

...New endorsements for YES on D & F include former S.F. Supes Roberta Achtenberg, Angela Alioto and Annemarie Conroy. The YES side also has picked up the support of the Chamber of Commerce. With an expected \$2 million warchest, the YES on D & F committee is now out with an 8-page, full color brochure. It's called *We Dropped the Ball*. The aim of the brochure is to apologize to SF voters for not being more specific with hard facts when the 49ers first floated the idea of a new stadium. FYI: In addition to lead consultant Jack Davis, the YES campaign team also includes Paul Kinney handling tv/media and Terris & Jaye handling direct mail. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK's EASY REFERENCE GUIDE IN THE WORKS.

As is our practice, Calpeek will once again be issuing its *Easy Reference Guide* in the very near future, after the L.A. Muni election. We'll keep you posted...

L.A. CHARTER REFORM TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION.

L.A. City charter reform (Prop. 8 on the April 8th primary ballot) will be discussed at 6:30 p.m., April 3, Jimmy's Restaurant, Beverly Hills. The event is hosted by Young Executives of America. Panelists include L.A. Councilman Nate Holden, former Dep. Mayor (Yes on 8 cmp. chair) Michael Keeley, P/A exec. Maureen Kindel and MWD Comm. Larry Kosmont. For info: ☎ Ingrid de Llama (310)306-2336...

SPRING '97 ELECTIONS: CITY & COUNTY CONTESTS.

Editor's note: Here is Part IX of Calpeek's continuing coverage of city & county Spring Elections...

☒ ***San Mateo Co. Sup's Special*** - This 7-person special on April 8th to replace Ted Lempert on the Bd. of Supes is really a 3-person race between San Mateo Economic Devel. Corp. president Denise DeVille, former Daly City Mayor Jim Tucker and San Mateo School Bd. member Rich Gordon. Even though this race is supposedly non-partisan, both Tucker & DeVille are GOPers and Gordon is a Demo. Although some Calpeek sources see this winner-take-all election as a battle between Gordon & DeVille, other sources say Tucker *might be a surprise*. Of interest is the fact that DeVille's ballot title is "mother & businesswoman." That title has attracted lots of news attention --- and now Gordon as a button saying, "Another mother for Gordon." With the board split 2-2 at present between GOPers & Demos, this election will determine who controls things for the next two years...

☒ ***Inglewood*** - With the April 1st election a day away, insiders regard L.A. Co. Sup. Court Judge Roosevelt Dorn as a favorite to win election as this city's new mayor. There are five contenders and the only rival with any kind of shot to take Dorn is Councilman Curren D. Price. Dorn has locked up some of the key endorsements, including the former mayor, Assemblyman Ed Vincent. U.S. Reps. Maxine Waters and Julian Dixon, the Firefighters and POA are also in Dorn's corner...

CA CONTROLLER CONNELL TO ADDRESS SCBA.

CA Controller Kathleen Connell(D) will address the So. Calif. Business Assn., 7:30 a.m., April 22, Four Seasons Hotel, Beverly Hills. For info & RSVPs ☎ Les Benson (213)624-7739...

CAMPAIGN '98: A FIRST LOOK AT SHERIFF RACES.

Editor's note: 57 of 58 counties will hold elections for Sheriff in 1998. Sometimes these contests really get mean & nasty. Here's our first look at these races...

...Four years ago, 10 county sheriffs retired. Only one retirement announced so far: El Dorado Co. Sheriff Don McDonald will retire in about 10 days. Folsom Police Chief Hal Barker will take over. Sacto Co. Sheriff Glen Craig has announced he'll retire at the end of his term and is chairing Undersheriff Lou Blanas' campaign for sheriff. Blanas has \$300,000 in the bank and has hired consultant David Townsend...

...Just in case you're curious, the "Dean" of the sheriffs (in terms of longevity) is Imperial Co. Sheriff Oren Fox, who was first elected in 1973. 2nd is Orange Co.'s Brad Gates ('75); 3rd is S.F. Co.'s Mike Hennessey ('80); 4th is L.A. Co.'s Sherman Block ('82); and 5th longest in service is Lassen Co.'s Ronald Jarrell ('83). Of this group, Hennessey was just reelected, so he'll be the lone sheriff who won't face voters in '98...

...This now brings us to Orange Co., where Sheriff Brad Gates appears to have a serious challenge on his hands from County Marshal Michael Carona. Carona, who has been marshal since 1989, has support from GOP/Lincoln Club activists Doy Henley and Dale Dykema, plus most of O.C.'s legislative group (Hurtt, Pringle et al) --- with the exceptions of Assemblymembers Dick Ackerman and Marilyn Brewer. Originally, Carona claimed the endorsement of new U.S. Rep. Loretta Sanchez(D), but sources say she hasn't endorsed anyone...

...Why does Gates have problems? TAXES. He backed that 1/2 sales tax hike back in '93 and again backed a sales tax hike in '95 (the O.C. bankruptcy bailout). The '93 measure passed, but the bailout measure of '95 went down badly (2-to-1 against). In 1994, Gates took a look at the LG's race, with encouragement from Gov. Pete Wilson(R), but he backed away...

...FYI: The L.A. Co. Sheriff's Dept. is now on the Internet: <http://www.la-sheriff.org>. This new web site has a most wanted list, plus other data. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK'S INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

■ **Water Wars** - We're not there yet, but sources in Sacto believe there's a potential special interest war in the works between the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) and the San Diego Co. Water Authority. San Diego wants to develop its own water supply, buying excess water from the Imperial Irrigation District. The sticking point: the cost of transporting the water along the MWD's Colorado River Aqueduct. Both sides are in negotiations over the price. First major battle may be fought on April 1st when SB 1082 by Sen. Dave Kelley(R-Hemet) has a first hearing in the Ag & Water Cmt. This bill would force the Water Resources Dept. to solve the dispute between San Diego & MWD if no agreement is reached by July 1st. There may be a half dozen lobbying firms already at work on this issue...

■ **The Marketing of Prop. 208** - Never before has there been a Calif. initiative which has prompted so much marketing interest as Prop. 208, the Political Reform Act of '96, especially on the part of campaign consultants & political law firms, who have been conducting seminars & selling info to confused candidates, contributors, special interest groups, PACs, etc. Now comes **Prop. 208 Reporter**, a new newsletter totally devoted to 208 --- published by 208 co-author Tony Miller and edited by Miller and former Common Cause Sacto rep Ruth Holton. Interested? ☎(916)655-3658...

■ **Regulating Pot Clinics** - In the wake of voter approval of Prop. 215 (medical marijuana), San Jose becomes the 5th Calif. city to enact new laws to regulate the location and operation of facilities which dispense marijuana for medical use. The new rules generally follow these guidelines: operate in commercial areas, away from schools, churches & day-centers, and no smoking of pot allowed. Other cities which have such a law include S.F., Oakland, Santa Cruz and West Hollywood...

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NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● A sad note: former 2-term Lynwood Mayor and councilman Louis Heine, 75, died of a heart attack Mar. 22. R.I.P...

● Kristen Courtney Stark has been hired as a field rep by U.S. Rep. Buck McKeon(R-Santa Clarita)...

● Warner Bros. (Hollywood Studio) VP Donald Putrimas has been installed as President of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce...

● Confirmed: Janet G. Nicholas of Sonoma to the State Board of Education...

● The law firm of McClain-Hill, Cornwell, Chao & Schropp have a new L.A. office at 333 S. Hope St., Ste. 4020, L.A. 90071. ☎(213)830-9900. The firm also has opened a Sacto office at 915 "L" St., Ste. 1400, Sacramento, CA 95814. ☎(916)325-4099...

● The Sacto office of Stoorza, Zieguas, Metzger & Hunt has hired Dan Pellissier as director of communications. Most recently, Pellissier was in charge of communications for CA's EPA...

CALPEEK'S CALENDAR OF POLITICAL EVENTS

April 1	Inglewood & Glendale muni elections
April 4-6	Calif. Demo Party's annual convention in Sacto; Calif. Republican Assembly's annual convention in Ontario, CA.
April 6	Daylight Savings Time
April 8	L.A. City primary + San Mateo Co. Special election.
April 9	16th annual Pat Brown Inst. awards dinner, L.A.
April 11	SCAG Legislative Leadership Summit, L.A.
May 8	Coro So. Calif. Crystal Eagle Awards dinner, L.A.
June 3	L.A. City runoff election; S.F. special election.
June 13-15	Assoc. of State Demo chairs summer meeting, Whitefish, MT.
June 20-22	G-7 Summit, Denver, CO.
July 27-30	Nat'l Governor's Assn. meeting, Las Vegas.
Aug. 6-10	Nat'l Conf. of State Legislatures annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
Sept. 12	CA Legislative session ends.